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Title : **METHODS, SOFTWARE AND APPARATI FOR**)
 IDENTIFYING GENOMIC REGIONS HARBORING)
 A GENE ASSOCIATED WITH A DETECTABLE)
 TRAIT)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified divisional patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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